

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants hereby wish to elect **Species I** (the method using the occluder of Fig. 2A) and **Subspecies i** (the method occluding or compressing a femoral artery) for continued prosecution in this application. Claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-14 read upon the elected invention. This election is being made without traverse and without prejudice to continue prosecution of the non-elected claim in a later application. If any issues remain, please contact Applicants' undersigned representative at (949) 737-2900.

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